from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995 alongwith details thereof;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A total of 984 letters written by the Members of Parliament were received in the Ministry of Defence during the period 1.4.1994 to 31.3.1995.

(b) As per the procedure all the letters are acknoweldged immediately on receipt of a letter.

(c) Final reply in 493 cases have been sent. Remaining 491 cases are being processed.

(d) Positive replies — 256
Negative replies — 225

In the remaining 12 cases factual information as sought for by the Hon'ble M.Ps was furnished.

Visit of Israeli Chief of Air Staff

4709. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of Air Staff of Israel had visited India in March, 1995;

(b) if so, whether he was invited to visit India or it was at his own initiative; and

(c) whether any cooperation is going on between the Indian Air Force and Israel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Maj. Gen. H. Bodinger, Commander Israeli Air force came on a goodwill visit to India from 27.3.95 to 4.4.95 on a formal invitation from the Chief of the Air Staff. During the visit, matters of mutual interest pertaining to defence cooperation were discussed. India follows a policy of developing cooperation in the field of defence with various friendly nations. Consequent upon the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1992, there has been an intensification of dialogue for cooperation with israel in various spheres.

Army personnel killed in Jammu and Kashmir

4710. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Army Jawans and officers killed/injured so far during each of the last fivce years fighting with militants in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the details of encounters in which they have been killed/injured; and

(c) what compensation has so far been paid to the families of those killed and also to those who have been injured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The details of Army Jawans and officers killed/injured while fighting with the militants in Jammu and Kashmir for the last 5 years are as under:—

Year	Officers	JCOs	ORs	Total
Killed				
1990	2	1	52	55
1991	5	4	88	97
1992	2	9	75	86